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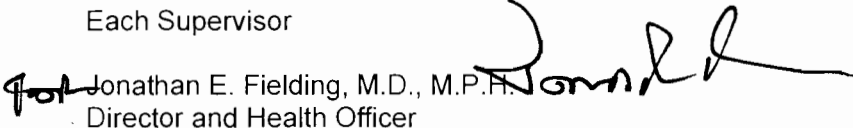
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December 23, 2011

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE CONTRACT NUMBER 08132 FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST- PROPOSITION 10 COMMISSION (AKA FIRST 5 LA) FOR THE ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FOR HIGH RISK PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS PROJECT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on December 13, 2011, to accept and execute a forthcoming award from First 5 LA to support the Access to Substance Abuse Services for High risk Parents and Caregivers Project (SA Access), for the anticipated term of December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2014, at an amount estimated not to exceed \$15,000,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept Contract Number 08132 from First 5 LA in the amount of \$1,852,778, effective January 3, 2012 through June 30, 2012. These funds will support SA Access which is a demonstration project to enhance substance abuse treatment services to parents/caregivers of children aged 0-5 years that will eliminate or reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs affecting an individual's physical and mental health.

This Contract is for year one and is anticipated to be renewed on an annual basis with additional funds. Year one will provide support to SA Access to: 1) establish an interdepartmental system of referral and linkages with the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS); 2) recruit DPH personnel who will be responsible for project implementation, management, and oversight; 3) hire approximately 30 Substance Abuse Navigators (SA Navigators) who will assist DCFS staff, pregnant women, and families with children aged 0-5 years by quickly screening and linking them to appropriate Substance Use Disorders services; 4) provide training to the SA Navigators on evidence-based practices; and 5) provide substance abuse treatment services for clients in need.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Contract as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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